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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Senate Executive Committee
Minutes
Monday, August 31, 2015

Present: Chair Gay Miller, Abbas Aminmansour, Michael Bohlmann, Nicholas Burbules, Bettina Francis, John Hart, Matthew Hill, Calvin Lear, William Maher (phone), Anita Mixon, Kathryn Oberdeck, Michael Sandretto

Absent: Vice Chair Kim Graber, Prasanta Kalita, David O'Brien, Matthew Wheeler

Guests: Associate Chancellor Reginald Alston, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Academic Policies Abbas Benmamoun, Computer Science Professor Roy Campbell, Campus Student Election Commission Chair Shawn Gordon, Slavic Languages and Literature Professor Harriet Murav, Committee on Committees member Nancy O'Brien, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Renee Romano

Media: Daily Illini – Tyler Cartney and Maggie Sullivan, Inside Illinois – Mike Helenthal, News-Gazette – Johnathan Hettinger

A special meeting of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) was called to order at 3:10 pm on Monday, August 31, 2015 in 232 English Building, with Chair Miller presiding.

1. Chair's Remarks

Chair Miller noted that it was important to have a final version of the process document for the chancellor search completed by the end of the meeting.

2. SC.16.03 Chancellor Search Process

Chair Miller asked Senate Committee on Committees member Nancy O'Brien to provide an introduction to the draft SC.16.03 document that Committee on Committees revised.

Discussion continued with comments regarding the make-up of the search committee and how diversity and balance would be best achieved.

Text to be added is underscored and text to be deleted is indicated by ~~strikeout~~ (e.g., ~~sample text for deletion~~).

Under the section describing faculty nominations, Burbules made a motion to revise as follows: "Faculty senators will elect five and subsequently Senate Executive Committee will elect two from the remaining pool of nominees to help ensure diversity and balance."

The motion was seconded and discussion followed. The motion failed by show of hands.

Several SEC members felt that all of the faculty nominees should be elected by the full Senate and the SEC should not be able to choose two nominees as was done in the previous process document. And to help achieve some diversity, limiting the number of faculty from each college was suggested.

Under the section describing faculty nominations, Sandretto made a motion to revise as follows: "Faculty senators will elect seven faculty with no more than two from the same college ~~five and Senate Executive Committee will elect two~~. The motion was seconded and approved by show of hands.

Under the section describing faculty nominations, Lear made a motion to revise as follows: "The remaining one faculty member chosen as noted above." The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous consent.

Under the section describing chair nominations, Burbules made a motion to revise as follows: "President will select one of these candidates as chair and the other will ~~be asked to~~ serve as one of the eight faculty members." The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous consent.

Under the section describing student nominations, Lear made a motion to substitute the following language: "Committee on Committees will nominate six members of the student electorate. Student senators will elect three: at least one undergraduate student and at least one graduate or professional student, with no more than one from the same disciplinary college or equivalent unit." The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous consent.

Lear made a motion to remove consultation with the SEC and allow the Council of Deans, Council of Academic Professionals and the Staff Advisory Council to nominate each of their own nominees. The three sections are as follows:

Dean or Director (1): ~~Senate Executive Committee~~ The Council of Deans will nominate two members, ~~after consultation with the Academic Council of Deans.~~ The full Senate will elect one.

Academic Professional (1): ~~Senate Executive Committee~~ The Council of Academic Professionals will nominate two members, ~~after consultation with the Urbana-Champaign Council of Academic Professionals.~~ The full Senate will elect one.

Staff (1): ~~Senate Executive Committee~~ The Staff Advisory Council will nominate two members, ~~after consultation with the Staff Advisory Council.~~ The full Senate will elect one.

The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous consent.

SEC members discussed holding the election of the search committee electronically versus hold the election in person during a Senate meeting. O'Brien added that Committee on Committees felt that holding the election electronically would be more inclusive and allow more people to participate in the election. SEC came to the consensus that the election would be held electronically.

In the final paragraph, Sandretto made a motion to change both instances of "calendar" to "work" and to reduce the word limit on the biographical sketch from 350 to 150 words. The motion was seconded and approved.

Maher noted that the last chancellor search was in 2010-11, and not in 2009 as the draft document indicated. The year will be corrected in the final document.

Members discussed the run-off election language. O'Brien noted that Committee on Committees felt it was important to have provisions in case of a tie.

Sandretto made a motion to add "on the following 2 work days" to the end of the last paragraph. The motion was seconded and approved.

Lear made a motion to approve the amended SP.16.03. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

3. Announcements/Verbal Reports for Information

A. Volunteer to Guest Lecture on the Role of Faculty in Higher Education Governance

Professor Matthew Giani requested a guest lecturer for October 14 from 4:00-6:50pm.

B. Volunteer to Attend CIUS Meeting

No volunteer was selected. No representative from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will attend the Council on Illinois University Senates (CIUS) on September 11, 2015.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm.

Jenny Roether
Clerk of the Senate